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From; Japan, Tokyo.
Date of Info: 1947-December 1953.
Appraisal of content: 6.
Source: [redacted] from 3 untested Japanese Prisoners-of-War recently repatriated from the Soviet Union. The source of each paragraph is different.
Subject: Three Americans held in Soviet custody in the USSR.

1.-SEE TAB 6, para, rph 4 Source knew an American "soldier" (Name forgotten and rank unknown) interned at camp no. 20, Tayshet (N 55-57, E 98-02), Irkutsk Oblast, for a period of 1 year beginning March 1949. Although source was transferred from the camp in 1950, he heard shortly before his repatriation in December 1953 that this American was still in camp no. 20. The American is about 40 years old, is tall, has a ruddy complexion, and is fond of reading. He was shot down over the Baltic states while on an aerial photography reconnaisance mission, was burned, and now has burn scars on his right cheek and left leg; he uses a cane. He was sentenced to 20 years. In camp he learned to speak some Russian, seemed in fairly good spirits, and joked with daily acquaintances. Source stated that, although he had forgotten the American's name, he would recognize it if he heard it.

2.-SEE #6, para 5 Another source saw an American at camp at Norilsk in the lower Yenisey region for about one month beginning July 1947. The American came from the Mississippi River area, was about 170 cm tall, and had a round face. He was accused of being a "U.S. Intelligence Agent" in Harbin up to 1935, entered

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the Soviet Union after the war, was arrested as a spy and sentenced under chapter 6, Article 58, of the Criminal Code. He was moved from the camp about August 1947.

3. Another source met U.S. Lieutenant Commander Roland Lindel (Lindel believed to be family name) at the internee assembly center at Vorkuta (N 66-22, E 70-08). Source had several conversations with Lindel, who stated that he had been arrested by Soviet Officials in summer 1948 while drinking in a bar in Berlin. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, sent to Vorkuta in 1949, and since then had been employed in a factory making coal mining equipment. Lindel stated he had been in Shanghai, was with the Pacific fleet at the war's end, and had 20 years naval service. Source described him as being apparently age 40, with exceptionally large eyes and a large wound (scar?) on his mouth. Lindel gave his address as room 107, Foreign Ministry, Ottowa. (Note: Despite this, source Lindel was American.)

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